Rate of WLL Mobile Phone Services

†1957. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rates of WLL mobile phone service of Reliance is lesser than the rate of other cellular phones; and

(b) if so, the details of the difference percentage in rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The WLL Limited Mobile Service offered by M/s. Reliance Infocomm/Reliance Telecom Limited under their Basic Service Licence is different from Cellular Mobile Telephone Service offered by Cellular operators under the Cellular Mobile Telephone Service Licence in terms of coverage area and charging principles for calls within the service area and outside service area. According to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India it is not possible to make meaningful comparison of Wireless in Local Loop (Limited Mobility) WLL(M) and tariff with that of cellular tariff because of the large number of variety of tariffs in place. Tariff for cellular services are currently under forbearance, while in the case of WLL(M) most of items are under forbearance except rent and free call allowances. The cellular operators are at liberty to offer various tariff options where monthly rental and per minute airtime charges may be different depending upon usage pattern of subscribers. Currently there are more than 600 different tariff plans available for cellular subscribes across the country with varying rate of monthly rental and airtime charges. While in some plan the call rates are less, the monthly rental in such plans are high. Similarly, the plans with low rental have high rate of call charges. Subscriber can choose among these plans depending on his usage pattern.Thus it can be seen that the exact comparison of rates of WLL(M) plans with rates of cellular plans is not feasible.

There are numerous combinations of different rentals and airtime charges across a number of plans both in cellular and in Reliance WLL(M). Reliance has submitted six alternative tariff plans for WLL (M) services in all circles to Telecom Regulatory Authority of India. According to information available the existing tariff plan for WLL (M) of M/s. Reliance are given in Statement-I (*See* below) and that of BSNL cellular are given in Statement-II

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Statement-I

Tariff plans filed by Reliance for WLL(M) services

Plan	ATP-2 (3 Year Plan		ATP-3	ATP-4	ATP-5 (3 year Plan	ATP-6	ATP-1 (3 year Plan)	
Rental		410	399	249	400	249		400
Pulse rates		60	60	60	60	60		60
Free Call Allowance	400 minutes		Rs. 150	Rs.100	Rs.160	Rs. 100	400 minutes	
Local call charges (Rs. per minute)	Within 400 minutes	Beyond 400 min.					Within 400 minutes	Beyond 400 minutes
To Fixed	0.6	1	1.99	1.9	1	1.99	0.6	1
To Cell	0.8	1.2	1	1.9	1.2	1.99	0.8	1.2
To WLL(M)	0	0.4	1	1	0.4	1	0	0.4
Intra Circle Long distance charges per minute								
To Fixed	0-50	0.6	1	1.99	1.9	1	0.6	1
	51-200	0.8	1.2	1.99	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.9
	201-500	1.5	1.9	1.99	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.9
	>500	1.5	1.9	1.99	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.9
To Cell	0.50	1.8	1.2	1	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.2
	51-200	0.8	1.2	1	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.2
	201-500	0.8	1.2	1	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.2
	>500	0.8	1.2	1	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.2
To WLL(M)	0-50	0	0.4	1	1	0.4	0	0.4
	51-200	0	0.4	1	1.9	0.4	0	0.4
	201-500	0	0.4	1	1.9	0.4	0	0.4
	>500	0	0.4	1	1.9	0.4	0	0.4
Inter Circle Long distance charges per minute								
To Fixed	0-50	0.6	1	1.99	1.9	1	0.6	1
	51-200	1.5	1.9	1.99	2.4	1.9	1.5	1.9
	201-500	2.6	3	3	2.9	3	2.6	3
	>500	3.6	4	4	3.9	4	3.6	4
To Cell	0-50	0.8	1.2	1.99	1.9	1.2	0.8	1.2
	51-200	1.5	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.9
	201-500	1.5	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.9
	>500	1.5	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	1.5	1.9
To WLL(M)	0-50	0	0.4	1.99	1	0.4	0	0.4
	51-200	0	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	0	1.9
	201-500	0	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	0	1.9
	>500	0	1.9	1.99	1.9	1.9	0	1.9
ILD charges								
SAARC & neighbouring								
Countries	Peak	16	16	16	16	16	16	
	Off peak	14	14	14	14	14	14	
Other countries	Peak	18	18	18	18	18	18	
	Off peak	16	16	16	16	16	NA	
CUG monthly charges		150	150	150	150	150	NA	
SMS per message		0.5	0.5	0.5	NA	0.5	NA	

Note: ATP means Alternative Tariff Plan
SMS means Short Message Service

Statement-II

Alternate Tariff Plans of BSNL

Plan	RTP	Plan 225	Plan 325	Plan 525
Monthly Rental (Rs.)	225	225	225	225
Membership Fee	Nil	Nil	100	300
Pulse	30 Sec	15 Sec	15 Sec	15 Sec
Call Charges per Minute				
Local (RS)				
Mobile to PSTN	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2
Mobile To Mobile	2.4	2.2	1.4	0.4
Mobile to WLL	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.2
STD (Range as per dist slab Rs. Per Min.)				
Mobile to PSTN	2.4-3.6	2.4-3.6	1.8-3.6	1.8-3.6
Mobile to Mobile	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.8
Mobile to WLL	2.4-3.6	2.4-3.6	1.8-3.6	1.8-3.6
ISD	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN	Applicable PSTN

Call rate of basic telephones

†1958. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of call from the basic telephone is higher than the rate of mobile phone;

(b) what is the per minute difference between the rates of call from the basic and cellular phones; and

(c) the details thereof and reasons for this difference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) and (b) It is not feasible to have a meaningful

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